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PROCEEDINGS OF THE EIGHTH MEETING OF THE PROVINCIAL COTTON COMMITTEE HELD IN THE OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR OF AGRICULTURE, HEPAUK, MADRAS AT 2 P.M. ON 5TH JULY 1947.

PRESENT.

1. President: M.S. Sivaraman Esq., ICS. Director of Agriculture, Madras.
2. Secretary: Sri R. Balasubrahmanyan B.A.,B.Sc.(Ag.), Cotton Specialist.
3. Members: 1.M.T.Raju Esq., ICS.Director of Industries & Commerce
   2.Sri L.Madhava Reddy, Representative of the Growers of Cocanadas, Northerns and Western tracts.
   3.Sri G.Thimmappa Chetty, Representative of the Andhra Chamber of Commerce.
   4.Sri H.B.Sethna, Representative of the Indian Chamber of Commerce, Coimbatore.
   5.Sri D. Gnanasiromani, Representative of the Growers of the Tinnevelly tract.
   6.Sri P.Ramakrishna Naidu, Representative of the Cambodia tract.
4. By invitation: 1. Sri M.Anandan, Headquarters Deputy Director of Agriculture, Madras.
   2. Sri M.Kanti Raj, Headquarters Deputy Director of Agriculture,Madras.

I. CONFIRMATION OF THE MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING.

The President moved that the minutes of the last meeting held on 20th December 1946 be adopted and this was approved.

II. ACTION TAKEN ON THE RESOLUTIONS ADOPTED AT THE PREVIOUS MEETINGS.

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1. Establishment of Commercial Crop Markets at Bellary and other centres in the Ceded Districts and the extension of the existing market at Tiruppr to the whole of the Coimbatore district.

Sri L. MADHAVA REDDY stated that the question of establishing a Commercial Crops Market at Bellary has been figuring in the agenda of the Provincial Cotton Committee for the last four meetings without any concrete action being taken. There were a good deal of malpractices in the transactions done at Bellary and the growers were the worst sufferers. Amendments or modifications to the existing Act might take a very long time and there was no reason why the market at Bellary should not work as satisfactorily as Adoni. An immediate establishment of a market at Bellary without waiting for the amending clauses of the Bill was stressed.

THE PRESIDENT agreed with the need for a market at Bellary. He however wished that adequate steps should be taken to ensure a satisfactory working of the market. A market yard would be necessary.

SRI THIMMAPPA CHETTY stated that about 25 acres could be taken at Bellary at a fair price inside the municipal limits.

THE PRESIDENT suggested the choice of the site as the first step and enquired whether the members from Ceded districts had any proposals to make. At Tirupur an area of 8 acres was found to be sufficient for the market yard.

SRI L. MADHAVA REDDY informed that the Bellary Municipality had already selected a site for this purpose.

It was resolved to address the Government to extend the Commercial Crops Act to Bellary at a very early date.

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2. Deterioration of Westerns, Report on sample survey of kapas collected from ginneries in important cotton centres of the Westerns tract.

THE COTTON SPECIALIST informed that the deterioration as judged by impurity was most in places where the seedfarms for H.1 were not located when the seed distribution scheme was working. The percentages were low at Adoni.

SRI THIMMAPPA CHETTY was of opinion that the variety which gave 26's warp has fallen to 10's during this season, and therefore should have deteriorated.

THE COTTON SPECIALIST stated that the fall in quality was noticed since 1940 in the bulk crop but the crop raised from pure seed on Agricultural Research Station, Hagari year after year had not shown any deterioration in the spinning performance. In order to test whether the seed, soil or season was the chief contributing factor for the poor quality arrangements have been made to collect lint samples from the inner area at Guntakal area also for Technological tests. The results when available would be helpful in locating the causes if any

SRI THIMMAPPA CHETTY wished to know whether any steps would be taken to prevent the deterioration. He had distributed the seeds as President of the Marketing Society and the quality of the Produce was not upto the mark and the crop was deteriorating steadily.

THE PRESIDENT said that if the Government farms could maintain the purity and quality year after year, there must be other reasons for fall in quality in cultivators' lands.

SRI L. MADHAVA REDDY suggested that an enquiry be made by a committee whether the deterioration was due to variety or malpractices. He also wanted that early steps should be taken to see that the whole area was covered by pure seeds.

SRI THIMMAPPA CHETTY wanted to know the causes so that propaganda could be made for improving the quality of the Westerns.

THE COTTON SPECIALIST sadd that if pure H.1 seed could be grown over the bulk of the area, the quality of the present mixed population could be substantially improved. The change could be further speeded up through intensified breeding for a better variety.

It was resolved that the H.1 seed multiplication scheme should be reviwed and a scheme for breeding better varieties of Westerns should be framed.

3. The Textile Commissioner and the Central Government be addressed to effect reduction in the pressing charges of cotton lint fixing the ceiling rate at Rs.8/- per bale.

SRI THIMMAPPA CHETTY suggested Rs.80- as the proper rate. The presses have formed into a combine and have cut down competition. Due to this combine, some presses were not working and there was terrific rush during the season.

SRI SETHNA informed that labour charges had gone up considerably higher and as such the reduction in the hoop from rate alone should not be taken as the basis for revision.

It was resolved to bring this matter again when the replies of the District Agricultural Officers, Bellary and Anantapur were received regarding the joint enquiries by them and the District Industries Officers.

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4. The Central Government be requested to issue more permits for starting of spinning mills in the Ceded districts.

The Committee noted the position.

5. Resolutions adopted by the Indian Central Cotton Committee, Bombay at the last meeting.

The Committee had no comments to make.

6. The Government of India be requested not to impose any restrictions on cotton exports.

The Committee had no remarks to offer.

III. SUBJECTS FOR THE CURRENT MEETING.

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1. The fixing of Rs.9/- per bale for cotton pressing as from 21st January 1947, announced by the Government by a recent Press Notification was not given effect to as it should have been done by the Press Factory owners. This Committee urges upon the Government of Madras to authorise the District Agricultural Officers and Collectors of Districts to check against infringement of the above Government Order by making necessary reference to the factory owners and constituents.

THE PRESIDENT wanted to know whether any specific instances of violation of rules could be cited.

SRI THIMMAPPA CHETTY did not press this resolution as higher rates were charged before the announcement of the Press Note and not after.

2. This Committee recommends to the Indian Central Cotton Committee to further revise and fix the cotton Pressing rate at Rs,7/- per bale in view of further reduction in the cost of baling hoops.

THE PRESIDENT wished to have working details for the proposed ceiling of Rs.7/-

SRI THIMMAPPA CHETTY promised to send the details and wanted the District Agricultural Officers to send their recommendations.

It was resolved to take up consideration of the subject when the working details and reports of the District Agricultural Officers were collected.

3. This Committee deplores that 1946-47 crop H.1 farm Cotton had degraded still further both in staple length and class even when compared to previous year crop and urges the Agricultural Department to investigate the matter immediately and report the causes for such deterioration by the time this Committee meets next.

THE COTTON SPECIALIST informed the Committee that the report of the Superintendent, Agricultural Research Station, Hagari did not show deterioration in staple length and that technological tests were awaited.

THE PRESIDENT wished to have data to show that the quality had gone down.

SRI THIMMAPPA CHETTY understood to send figures to the Cotton Specialist.

SRI SETHNA said that the present low prices were in a way an index of the quality.

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SRI THIMMAPPA CHETTY stated that the present H.1 was fit for 10's only and the cotton obtained from 1000 bags of H.1 distributed by him in Bellary was of poor quality.

THE COTTON SPECIALIST suggested that the question would be answered when the results of tests on seed farms of 3,000 acres at Guntakal were available. Sample survey disclosed impurity to be one of the main causes for deterioration.

SRI MADHAVA REDDY wanted to know whether the Government contemplated any legislation against mixing.

THE PRESIDENT stated that if the Committee felt in favour of legislation, a resolution may be moved. There was a proposal to have a compact block of 30,000 acres of Cambodia in Avanashi for Cambodia Co.2 and a similar proposal for H.1 could be considered.

SRI MADHAVA REDDY wished that in the new scheme, the Government must be prepared to stock ample seed and distribute through the whole area. Otherwise the Scheme might not be workable. Early steps should be taken to prevent admixture and to maintain staple length and quality.

After some discussion the following resolution was adopted.

This Committee requested the Government to take early steps to bring in legislation to prevent mixture of H.1 cotton by creating in the first instance a protected area".

4. Deterioration of Marunganni cotton K.1 in the Tinnevelly tract.

THE PRESIDENT informed the members that a compact block of 150 acres would be selected by the Deputy Director of Agriculture, Madura in consultation with the Collector of Tinnevelly for raising the new strain 4706.

SRI MADHAVA REDDY wished that the whole of the cotton area in the province was covered by pure strains within three years.

THE COTTON SPECIALIST said that big schemes for Co.2 B.1 and K.1 could not once again be put up for financial aid from Indian Central Cotton Committee.

THE PRESIDENT stated that a detailed plan of work showing the varieties grown in the province, the varieties needing replacement or elimination and the needs of the consuming mills, would be helpful.

It was agreed that strain 4706 should be developed and distributed in place of K.1, if the tests of the current season were favourable.

5. A scheme for breeding fully medium staple variety for the Tinnevelly area.

The Committee approved the scheme.

6. A scheme for the improvement of Northerns Cotton at Nandyal.

The Committee approved the scheme.

7. A scheme for breeding long staple Cambodia Cotton for cold weather season in the irrigated regions of the southern districts.

The Committee approved the scheme.

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8. A scheme for conducting manurial trials on irrigated Cambodia in Madras Province.

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The Committee approved the scheme.

9. A scheme for maintaining the quality and purity of Co.2 in Coimbatore district.

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The Committee approved the scheme.

10. Ways and means to eradicate Pulichai cotton.

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SRI D. GNANASIROMANI said that since the tightening up of the seed imports into the Tinnies area throughout the year by amending the Cotton Transport Act, Pulichai had practically been ousted.

The Committee felt that there was no need to extend the Madras Cotton Control Act beyond 12-7-1947, if the reports from the District Agricultural Officers showed successful eradication of pulichai in the administered districts.

11. Replacement of Uppam and Tinnevellies by Karunganni completely

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The Committee agreed to await the results of spread of 4706.

12. Standardisation of units for transactions of all commodities especially for kapas, lint and seed.

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It was resolved to take up the subject for consideration after the results of the Conference announced in the Press note were known.

13. Small ginneries not coming under the Factories Act are not submitting the ginning returns.

It was decided that no further action was necessary since small ginneries having less than four gins were already submitting the returns.

14. Proposed new scheme for multiplication, distribution and marketing of Co.4 cotton in Madras Province.

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The Committee noted the approval of the Indian Central Cotton Committee to the scheme.

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The proceedings of the 8th Meeting of the Provincial Cotton Committee held on 5-7-57 on pp.3-31 above may be perused. The D.A. will no doubt, submit proposals to Govt. wherever necessary to implement the resolutions of the Committee.

The papers may be recorded.

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